

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending.

A statement claiming priority benefit of a parent application is added. A substitute Abstract is submitted herewith. No new matter is added because it is identical to the abstract of Int'l Appln. No. PCT/EP2005/051464.

Paper and computer readable forms of the Sequence Listing do not add new matter, and their contents are the same. It is respectfully submitted that the attached complies with 37 CFR § 1.821 et seq. Otherwise, prompt notice of any defects in the Sequence Listing is earnestly solicited and additional time is requested to comply.

Form PTO-1449 listing documents for the Examiner's consideration is attached. A copy of the Int'l Search Report, which provide a concise explanation of the relevance of the listed documents to the originally-filed PCT claims, is also attached.

As provided by 37 CFR §§ 1.97(g) and (h), no representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement encompasses all possible material information. Furthermore, no inference should be made that this information or the cited references are prior art merely because they have been submitted for consideration. Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures, as well as the return of a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials per M.P.E.P. § 609, are earnestly solicited.

Applicants earnestly solicit an early and favorable examination on the merits. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any further information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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